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TYPICAL LETTER

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Re: DWSRF PPL Green Project Applications for Federal Fiscal Year 2012

«System»:

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) provides financing to public water systems for infrastructure improvements needed for compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and to protect the public health. The Rhode Island Department of Health Office of Drinking Water Quality (HEALTH) is designated as the primacy agency for the Safe Drinking Water Act and is the regulatory partner of the Clean Water Finance Agency for the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. HEALTH is responsible for establishing assistance priorities; assisting in the development of the Intended Use Plan; establishing project priority lists; determining project eligibility; performing project technical review; monitoring construction; and determining and implementation of the set-asides programs.

HEALTH has extended the Project Priority List Application Period for drinking water projects to be placed on the Federal Fiscal Year 2012 (October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012) PPL for any applications meeting the Green Project Reserve (GPR). **The deadline for submission of the GPR Project Priority List Applications for FY 2012 is three (3) weeks from the mailing of this letter.**

EPA is requiring the use of 20% of the DWSRF 2010 Cap Grant to be utilized for the Green Project Reserve (GPR). The GPR sets a new precedent for the DWSRF by targeting funding towards projects that State's may not have funded in prior years. GPR may be used for planning, design and/or building activities. Entire projects or the appropriate discrete components of projects may be eligible for GPR. Projects do not have to be part of a larger capital project to be eligible. All projects or project components counted toward the GPR requirement must clearly advance one or more of the objectives articulated in the following four categories of GPR; Green Infrastructure, Water Efficiency, Energy Efficiency, and Environmentally Innovative¹. Additional information on the GPR can be found at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/publications/green-project-reserve-guidance.pdf>

Systems both big and small wishing to discuss specific details of the GPR for DWSRF Program are encouraged to contact this office at 222-7824 or contact Anna Coelho (453-4430) at the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency for the financial aspects of the DWSRF.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Schultz, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

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¹ Source water protection projects are not eligible for RI DWSRF funding.